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OF INNER EAR DISEASES

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

A Status Inquiry was filed on October 3, 2007, regarding the above-identified application.

An answer to that inquiry was received on October 19, 2007 (a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience) indicating an expected date for an action in this case would be October 19, 2008. However, as of this date, we have still not received an Official Action regarding this case. Inquiry is again made as to when an Action will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is estimated that this application will receive an Office action in approximately 13 months. This is an estimate that is based on the current inventory level of applications filed in this art area and the current staffing levels in this Art Unit. The USPTO is dedicated to minimizing first action and total pendency, and we are targeting resources to help address backlogs in art areas with high new application filings. Thank you for your inquiry.

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